



Yorkfield Presbyterian Church

Our Mission is to be a community of disciples with a heart for God and hands to help others.

September 7, 2008

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Before the service speak silently to the Lord. During the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you. After the service speak warmly to one another!

* = All who are able please stand.

boldface = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious and loving God, plant your truth into our hearts. Open us to finding new ways of living as your beloved community. Open us to listening carefully. Embolden us to witness to the reality of separation. And bring to us a reconciliation grounded in the grace that only you may offer. Let this be our prayer in Christ's name, Amen.

Prelude: *Fairest Lord Jesus from "Schlesische Volkslieder"*
May Jesus Christ Be Praised by Joseph Barnby

GATHERING IN HIS NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 149)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Let us sing to the Lord a new song.

Leader: Let us praise God's name with dancing,

People: Singing to God's glory with tambourines and clapping hands.

Leader: Come all you faithful ones and sing for joy.

People: We are here to Praise the Lord!

*HYMN # 11 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have created us for a purpose. You are the light that overcomes the darkness; you have defeated evil to set us free. Yet we sin. We give in to temptation, gossip and too easily pass judgment on others. We are too preoccupied to feel your presence, which is as near to us as our very breath. Forgive us, O God, and teach us forgiveness. Teach us to love with determination and joy, that as children of light, we may resemble you.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

(No. 813)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: PADS ~ Bob Gorsky

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

with Pastor Beth

[Pre-School through those who have completed Kindergarten are dismissed to ACTIVITY TIME following the Children's Moment.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14 (p. 58 OT in Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM:

Chancel Choir

Lord For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake by J. Farrant

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 18 in Pew Bibles)

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Careful Listening*

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 415

We Are Called to Be God's People

COMMISSIONING TEACHERS, ADVISORS, AND
T.O.W.N. LEADERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* by William Doane

*DOXOLOGY

(No. 815)

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN # 403** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *Threefold Amen*

POSTLUDE: *Hail the Lord of All Creation* by Franklin Ritter

LEADING IN WORSHIP

John Borland, Lay Leader

Beth Freese Dammers, Dir. of Leadership & Spiritual Development

Angie Udelhofen, Dir. Children's Ministry

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir Director

Darlene Richards, Piano & Organ

Tom Speers, A/V

Sean Gorsky, Sound System

NEXT WEEK: Exodus 14:19-31: the “exodus” across the Red Sea; Matt 18:21-35: forgiveness & the unmerciful servant. We will celebrate Holy Communion / Anointing and welcome student pastor, Jeff Lehn.



Special Flowers today are celebration of Kelly and Holly Kost's 20th wedding anniversary.